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Two CENTS.

12 AMERICANS KILLED IN ENCOUNTER NEAR CARRIZAL

Official Announcement Made at Mexican Headquarters at El Paso Gives Carranza Losses as 14 Killed and 30 Wounded—United States Commander Said to Be Dead

MEXICAN AMBASSADOR REPORTS STORY OF FIGHT TO SEC. LANSING

And Asks Explanation of Reported Occupation of Two Mexican Towns—Gen. Pershing Has Not Yet Made an Official Report on the Engagement

WASHINGTON, June 22.—No reason for a change in policy towards Mexico is seen by the Washington government in Mexican accounts of the clash at Carrizal. Until a report comes from General Pershing there will be no decision, but President Wilson is said to view the affair as an incident for which the subordinate commanders probably were responsible and not an act likely to start general hostilities.

Further information regarding the activities of foreign diplomats for peace at Mexico City reached the state department during the day. From the same source it was learned that Carranza was exerting every effort to avoid a break with the United States and at the same time restraining the belligerent demands of some of his advisers.

War department officials believe that if 17 American soldiers actually are in the hands of the Mexicans they will be surrendered at the first opportunity. A demand for their immediate release would be one of the first steps taken by the United States government.

Callers on the President today got the impression that he is determined that if despite all efforts to prevent it war with Mexico should come the action of the United States would be prompt and on a scale of considerable magnitude. It would not be a war of conquest, but Mr. Wilson is said to be prepared if necessary to use the maximum strength of the nation for a short campaign to re-establish order.

Secretary Baker said no new orders had been sent to General Funston and that the government would take no steps until an account from its own officers showing what had happened had been received. National guardsmen to reinforce the border patrol will be sent as soon as their mobilization and organization is completed but Mr. Baker would not predict when that might be.

"We have only the information from Mexican sources and from a few Americans who arrived on trains at El Paso," said the secretary. "We are waiting for further information either from General Pershing or other American sources."

From unofficial sources Mr. Baker said he had been informed of the statement by General Obregon assuming responsibility for the orders issued to the Mexican detachment which made the attack. He would not comment on the statement, however.

Recent explorations of Lake Tanganyika, in Africa, indicate that it is the deepest body of fresh water in the world, a record held heretofore by Lake Baikal, in Asia.

In Odd Fellows' Temple

Regular meeting of Canton Palestine Thursday evening at 7.30. Friday, June 23, at 7.30, rehearsal of the Robekah degree. It is important that every member of the degree staff be present if possible.

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FORD EMPLOYEES LOSE JOBS IF THEY JOIN THE MILITIA

DETROIT, June 22.—In line with his pacifist policies Henry Ford announced yesterday that any employees of the Ford Motor company who are members of the Michigan National Guard will not only not receive pay while absent, but will forfeit their places as well. Many Ford employees who intend to enlist as recruits in the Guard likewise will relinquish their places it was said. At the offices of Mr. Ford information as to how many militiamen were included in his 20,000 odd employees here was refused.

"We would be sorry to see any of our men resign to enlist in the Guard," one of Mr. Ford's assistants said, "but both recruits and state militiamen will be treated alike—as though they quit the plant to engage in other lines of business."

FOR FEDERAL SERVICE.

Bill Authorizing the President to Take Over State Troops Ready.

WASHINGTON, June 22.—A resolution authorizing the President to draft the national guard willing to take the federal oath immediately into the army under the terms of the new army bill was submitted by Secretary of War Baker to Chairman Hay of the house military commission today. He said that he would call it up tomorrow and urge its immediate passage.

It is possible, Mr. Hay said, that he would obtain consideration of the resolution by unanimous consent, but he was prepared to ask for a special rule if necessary.

The resolution differs slightly from that originally prepared for bringing the national guard into federal service in that it would provide for service during the "period of the emergency," instead of the "period of the war."

NO OFFICIAL REPORT.

But Pershing Has Sent Cavalry to Get in Touch With Engaged Troop.

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, June 22.—Gen. Pershing reported to Gen. Funston today that he had not yet received a report on the fight at Carrizal, but added that on information sent to him he had sent out two squadrons of the 11th cavalry with instructions to get into touch with the troop of the 10th that was engaged yesterday by the Mexican forces.

Gen. Funston made it plain that Gen. Pershing's first report has not altered the general situation and that no special orders will be issued until Pershing has rendered a report in detail of the fight and the incidents that led to it.

Gen. Pershing said that all his men had orders not to do anything calculated to start a fight with troops of the de facto government. Although not stated in Pershing's report officers at headquarters drew the inference that Capt. Charles T. Boyd was in command of Troop H, the troop believed to have been the one engaged at Carrizal.

WORK FOR MEN AT MASSACHUSETTS CAMP

Several Days Likely to Elapse Before Bay State Militia Are Mustered Into U. S. Service.

FRAMINGHAM, Mass., June 22.—Lieut.-Col. Buck, U. S. A., on special detail here, announced today that the work of mustering the Massachusetts militia into the federal army would not begin for several days. Orders received last night indicated that this would begin at once although it was explained that it would be necessary to await the arrival of formal papers and equipment. Because of this change it was not expected that the troops would be ready to move before the first of next week.

With Gen. Sweetzer in command the camp today took up the schedule of "work, work, work" and little play so that the troops can be put in to condition with the least possible delay. Reports from regimental commanders showed that 927 men had enlisted in three days and of this number 217 were from the western part of the state.

Lack of horses for the field artillery and cavalry prevented the complete mobilization of the state quota but it was said that enough would be available by tonight to permit the moving of these troops.

Alexander the Great is said to have shaved his face, setting a style for his soldiery that enemies might have one less gripping place in hand to chin combat.

B. H. S. ALUMNI HAVE PARADE

Also Hold Reunion and Enjoy Entertainment and Make Noise

ABOUT FIVE HUNDRED IN THE CELEBRATION

Trophy Cups Awarded to Classes of 1877 and 1912—Class of 1891 Observes 25th Anniversary—Company I Escort on March.

Nothing ever diminishes the ardor or enthusiasm of the Brattleboro high school alumni, and the rain yesterday which continued until evening failed to prevent a big turnout for the 10th annual reunion of the Alumni association, which was the closing feature of commencement week. The rain ceased in time to permit the outdoor parade, which was an iridescent dream. About 500 persons were in line, and the great variety of colors and costumes made the parade a spectacular feature. A touch of patriotism was added to the spirit of loyalty to the high school by the presence of Company I, Vermont National Guard, Capt. E. W. Gibson commanding, who kindly accepted the invitation of the chief marshal, Maj. F. W. Childs, to honor the association by acting as escorts during the parade, on the eve of the company's departure for the state camp ground. The company and the graduates were cheered and applauded by hundreds of persons throughout the line of march.

Noisy? They were a pack of wild Indians. With yells, horns, fife, drums, kazoos and various other means of putting sound waves in motion the various classes kept up an almost continuous demonstration, the class of 1896 with its drum corps having a little advantage over the rest.

The graduates, former classmates, husbands and wives began gathering at the high school building soon after 7 o'clock. The rooms where the classes congregated were designated by placards bearing the class numerals. Other placards about the grounds indicated where they should assemble after arranging their costumes, and a little after 8 o'clock the marshals gave the word to start.

The First Regiment band led the parade, Company I following, and then came the graduating class. Back of them were the oldest classes, the class of 1915 coming last. They started off with a blaze of red fire and marched down the street, the second railroad track between, down main street, around the traffic post at the junction of Main and Elliot streets, counter-marching to the Auditorium, where those in line and some invited guests were entertained by the Mozart ladies' quartet.

There was pandemonium in the town hall corridor while the exuberant crowd was passing through, and while they were being seated and during the intervals between the program numbers they kept up the din. The quartet consisted of Mrs. Clara Wild Jackson, and Miss Mabel Banks Wilson, soprano, and Mrs. Bertha Putney Dudley and Mrs. Mabel Florence Tenney, contraltos. They gave miscellaneous numbers for the first part and a musical sketch entitled Aunt Bridget from Paris, in name, for the second part, singing in good harmony and revealing voices of excellent quality. Their singing was enjoyed and they were accorded every courtesy during their singing, but it is a safe bet that they never before received encores of a like character. The explosion of toy balloons at psychological moments was very amusing, and class yells made the walls of the hall resound as never before. The singers entered into the spirit of the occasion, however, and everybody seemed happy.

While at the Auditorium the class statistics, including the number of living graduates and the number of graduates present from each class, were called for from the stage by Principal E. B. Smith to determine the awarding of two silver cups, which is an annual feature of the reunion. The class of 1888 cup, offered to the class which graduated from the present high school building having the highest percentage of living graduates present, was awarded to the class of 1912, whose percentage was 70. The class of 1890 cup, offered to the class which graduated from the old high school building having the largest number present was won by the class of 1877, nine of whom were on hand. There were present from the class of 1873, three; from 1871, two; from 1867, one; from 1863, three; from 1862, one, Mrs. Stella S. Elmer, who was a teacher in the high school.

On the return of the company to the high school building the ladies' quartet rendered a few selections and further business was transacted. The class of 1896 offered a cup to the person coming from the farthest distance to the reunion. Miss Sadie Pellerin of Winton Park, Fla., of the class of 1914, looked good to receive the prize until Albert E. Hopkinson of the class of 1896 arose and announced that he was from Dallas, Tex. He was given the cup and great applause.

The nominating committee, of which Fred C. Adams was chairman, reported for officers Principal E. B. Smith chairman and Harry C. Freeman secretary, with authority to name such commit-

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GREECE YIELDS TO DEMANDS OF ALLIES

Will Demobilize Army, Suppress German Propaganda and Not Discourage Pro-Ally Sentiment.

ATHENS, June 21, via London.—Greece has accepted unconditionally the demands made by the entente powers. This decision was communicated to the French legation by former premier Zaimis to whom the formation of a new cabinet is reported to have been entrusted. The message was delivered to the Greek government today (Wednesday).

The demands of the entente powers are: First, complete general demobilization; second, removal of the chief of police of Athens; third, popular pro-entente sentiment not to be suppressed; fourth, deportation of agents spreading German propaganda.

While the dissolution of the chamber of deputies there is no intention, as they say that it may not be directly demanded. After a session of the crown council former premier Zaimis agreed today to attempt to form a cabinet to deal with the situation.

MILITIA DEPARTURE DISRUPTS LEAGUE

Baseball Will Be Played Here, However, and League Ranks May Be Filled by Other Players.

While the departure of Company I for the mobilization camp has taken over an entire team from the Brattleboro league and weakened the Knights of Columbus, there is no intention at present of giving up playing ball if the weather is favorable once in a while on Saturday.

The Wheel club and Fort Dummer teams will play a full nine-inning game at Island park Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock. By a strange chance the schedule calls for these teams to meet in the first of the customary two games on that date.

Before the following Saturday it will have been determined whether it will be possible to make up four teams to continue the league as originally planned.

DAUGHTERS PLAN FOR RELIEF WORK

Brattleboro Chapter Asks Other Organizations of Women to Meet Tomorrow Afternoon.

As in 1898, when Company I as then constituted went to Chickamauga to be ready to do its part in the Spanish-American war, so at this time, when Company I leaves for service in connection with the trouble with Mexico, Brattleboro chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, takes the initiative in work in aid of the soldiers. A meeting of the executive board is being held in the Brooks House this afternoon.

The chapter will meet in the Brooks House tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock and invites the Red Cross, Woman's club and any other organization of women interested in forming a soldiers' aid society.

ESCORT FOR COMPANY H.

Citizens and Band Give Montpelier Soldiers Rousing Send-off.

(Special to The Reformer.)
MONTPELIER, June 22.—One thousand citizens and a band escorted Company H to the railroad station this noon when the company left for Fort Ethan Allen. The streets were decorated with flags and lined with several thousand people. The guardsmen were applauded all along the line of march.

MEET NEXT IN BURLINGTON.

Episcopal Diocesan Convention Closes Session in Montpelier.

(Special to The Reformer.)
MONTPELIER, June 22.—S. W. Hinds was elected treasurer of the Vermont Episcopal diocesan convention which closed in this city today. F. G. Howland was named as trustee, F. S. Platt of Rutland, auditor and J. R. Roberts of Burlington registrar. The next convention will meet in Burlington.

FLEET SENT TO GREECE.

Allies May Land Men at Port of Athens Later.

PARIS, June 22.—An allied fleet has been ordered to cruise before Piræus, the port of Athens, according to a Havas despatch from Saloniki. It is said the fleet eventually will be supported by a landing party. The fleet will be commanded by Vice Admiral Moreau. The despatch says the action of the landing party will depend upon events.

WANTS SON TO SERVE.

Gen. Nelson A. Miles Asks to Have Him Commissioned in Massachusetts.

BOSTON, June 22.—Governor McCall today received a letter from Gen. Nelson A. Miles, U. S. A., retired, requesting that his son, who is Sherman Miles, be commissioned if possible as a field officer in one of the Massachusetts regiments called for Mexican border duty.

Excursion to Plattsburg June 25. See ad on page 3.

THRONG SHOWS ITS PATRIOTISM

Tears and Applause of 3,000 Mingle as Company I Leaves in Response to Country's Call—Crowd Realizes Seriousness of Situation—Brattleboro Woman Sends Three Sons

Just before the train's departure Captain Gibson said: "I want to assure everybody in Brattleboro that the boys of Company I will be given the best care that it is in my power to give them. I also want to thank the townspeople in behalf of the company for their cordial interest in our welfare and their inspiring demonstration of patriotism and loyalty this morning."

There was no "death of woman's tears" in Brattleboro this morning when Company I, V. N. G., 83 men and officers, with 16 members of the First Regiment band boarded the second section of train 41, to leave for the state camp ground. The train was due to leave Brattleboro at 8.53 o'clock, but did not pull out of the station until 9.30.

The second section was a special train consisting of one baggage car and six coaches, which was to pick up the Bellows Falls and Springfield companies on the way to Burlington. It followed as soon after the regular train as the company could get aboard.

There was no cheering when the engine finally began to move the train. Women and children wept openly, as many of them had been doing during the long wait at the station. Men, standing on the platforms, on the side track, on the tops of freight cars and on the ledge of Vernon street, raised their hats and many of them in an ordinary tone of voice that carried only a few feet: "Good-bye and good luck."

The crowd has been variously estimated, but considering the tremendous jam at the station proper among the crowd that was on the platform, from many vantage points both close to and more remote from the station, it is fair to claim that 3,000 of the population of Brattleboro with a large sprinkling of people from neighboring towns said farewell to the boys.

While the company was mustering in the morning and the last buckles were being fastened, the last look taken in the lockers to make sure that nothing had been left behind, a bulletin was received in The Reformer office announcing a fight that had taken place between regular troops of the United States and Carranza soldiers. It served, when the news became known at the railroad station after the arrival of the company there, to add a touch of even greater seriousness. But it did not effect the boys in khaki. They have felt from the first that they would not be long in Burlington but would soon be on their way back through Brattleboro to some point on the Texas border. There has been no skylarking; not much fooling among the members since the fire alarm called them out Monday morning. The staff knitties have been put through constantly since then have confirmed their belief that those in authority intend to have them as well prepared as time and experience will permit and they were willing to do their share by attending strictly to business.

Capt. Ernest W. Gibson and Lieut. Walter R. Spaulding were early at the Armory this morning and the members of the company were under orders to be ready to fall into the ranks at 8 o'clock. Not a man was missing when First Sergeant Roy B. Miner called the roll at 8.25 o'clock except those men who were on the baggage detail and had been at work loading the baggage of the company into the baggage car.

With their blanket rolls about their shoulders and in full marching order the boys, some of whom were standing in ranks for the very first time, not having had a drill since their enlistment last night, answered snappily and confidently as their names were rapidly read off.

The last few weeks have been a series of pleasant and unpleasant surprises for the boys and one of the pleasant ones was the announcement of Capt. Gibson that he had received orders of the promotion of 2d Lieutenant Spaulding to a first lieutenant and of the promotion of First Sergeant Miner to the second lieutenant. Hearty applause greeted the standing of the new officers immediately they took their stations, receiving such congratulations as could be hurriedly extended them in the minute before the order came to march.

For half an hour before the order came to march the boys had been asked by 10 veterans of the Civil war who had come to extend best wishes and to have the honor of escorting to the station the boys who are to aid in fighting the present day battles. Aged and infirm, those men had climbed the lone flights of stairs to the Armory and had mingled with the recruits, giving a word of fatherly advice here and a cheery greeting there.

And 27 Spanish-American war veterans were engaged in the same task. Their experiences were much more recent than the survivors of the days

of '61-'65, but they knew the feelings of the members of Company I for they had marched from Brattleboro under similar circumstances.

The veterans of the two wars left the Armory ahead of the company and formed at the corner of Green and High streets in column of twos. Ahead was a part of the First Regiment band, six of the band men in field service uniforms as they had been ordered to report at the mobilization camp, having signified their willingness to go to the front.

The company followed the veterans almost immediately and once the men had all reached the foot of the long flight of outside stairs Capt. Gibson gave the signal to start. The band struck up a medley of National airs that stirred the blood of every person within hearing.

Main street was lined on both sides, many persons deep, and Bridge street was similarly lined. Applause in the form of vigorous hand clapping was continuous; first for the veterans of the two wars and growing stronger as the boys of the present day, swinging along at their vigorous pace, followed. Women, with tears streaming down their faces and gloves on their hands, applauded vigorously and, it seemed, more generally than did the men, who showed their respect and admiration by the raising of hats.

Among the boys in the ranks there was no jollity on that march. They were not seeking faces in the long lines of people, but were attending strictly to the business they are now engaged in for a greater or lesser length of time. Considering the number of recruits in the ranks the marching and alignment were remarkable.

The crush at the station was something that could not have been handled had a numerous police force been on hand. The company swung down the east platform, passing the veterans, who saluted as the boys swung by them, and then came to a halt to await the train that was to bear them away. It was then that many affecting scenes were witnessed. Men were permitted to drop out of the ranks and women and girls clung to them and wept unrestrainedly.

The tension wore off a little in the 20-minute wait for the arrival of the regular train, but tears flowed again as the special pulled in to the station and the company was ordered to board the cars. The men promptly climbed on board and scattered through two cars and waited the few minutes before the order to proceed was given the engineer. The men remained in the cars, and as the train slowly pulled out, men's hats came off as if by word of command, some being held aloft and others waved in token of farewell. Then the crowd began slowly to disintegrate and in long streams to scatter to places of business and to homes. There was no levity. It appeared written on every face that this is a serious time and that they had just witnessed one of the hardest things it falls to lot of man and woman to do—to leave home and loved ones to engage possibly in mortal combat.

As was to be expected on such an occasion, traffic on the railroad this morning was more congested than usual. When the head of the line reached the station a freight was standing on the main line with the engine and one car on the side track. With tracks and platforms overrun with men, women and children, the engine and car were run on to the main track, connected to the rest of the train and pulled out northward.

Almost immediately a southbound train went through the station and this was followed by the regular passenger train from the West River division. The railroad men did everything possible to insure safety for all, but there were some narrow escapes.

This morning just before the company was called in to ranks Joseph I. Marshall of West Chesterfield, N. H., a brother of two men who enlisted yesterday in Hinsdale, N. H., appeared at the Armory and applied for enlistment. He was examined, passed and accepted and outfitted in time to take his place in the ranks.

His enlistment brought the total strength of the company up to 85 men and officers. Only 83 went, however, George J. Marshall and John Garrity being left behind to continue recruiting. Marshall is a former sergeant in the United States army and has had experience in the recruiting service.

Capt. Gibson went this morning only as far as Windsor and returned this afternoon to take full charge of the recruiting in the entire county, which will be pushed vigorously. C. Arnold Pellett will return to assist in that work.

There are 83 men in the Bellows Falls company and 111 in the Springfield company, taken aboard the train. The revised roster of Company I is as follows:

Captain, Ernest W. Gibson.

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